REMARKS

The Official Action dated 11 August 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules.

Claims 1, 10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,188,516 to Huang.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,985,181 to Strada et al.

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 3, 4, 6-9, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 2 which have been rejected in view of the art have been cancelled, so that it is unnecessary to discuss the grounds of rejection specific thereto.

In response, claim 14 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1. Claim 10 to which claim 14 is dependent thereon has also been deleted and has also been included into claim 1.

Claim 2 is dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claims 3 and 6 which are indicated to be allowable have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 is dependent on the amended claim 3. Claim 5 is dependent on claim 2.

Claims 7, 8, 9 are dependent on the amended claim 6.

Claims 11, 13 have bean amended to be dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claim 12 is dependent on claim 11.

Accordingly, claims 1-9, and 11-13 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner VALENTI are appreciated.

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